Statement

(Figure in Crores)

Year	Outlay		Total S&T Plan Head	Total Plan Outlay for IR	% (Signal) w.r.t. Total Indian Railway Outlay	% (S&T Plan) Head w.r.t. Total Indian Railway outlay
	Singal	Tele.				
1995-96	145.75	129.25	275.00	7500	1.94	3.66
1996-97	173.00	83.00	256.00	8600	2.01	2.98
		50.00 (BOLT)	50.00 (BOLT)			
1997-98	146.94	54.08	201.02	11000	1.34	1.83
		40.00 (BOLT)	+40.00 (BOLT)			

नई रेलगाड़ियों का चलाया जाना

1189. **श्री मोहम्मद मसूद खान:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में मऊ, आजमगढ़, शाहगंज से होकर नई दिल्ली, हावड़ा और मुंबई के लिए लखनऊ इनटरसिटी एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी चलाने संबंधी कोई योजना है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित किए जाने का विचार है तथा इन मार्गों पर कौन-कौन सी रेलगड़ियां चलाई जाएंगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Working of Book Stalls at Platforms/ Stations

1190. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to take over the working of the book stalls at platforms/stations on Indian Railways to man themselves like departmental catering;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the book stalls contractors, zone-wise and station-wise in details in each division on Indian Railways at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Incidence of Train Accidents

1191. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total toll of train accidents during the period of last three years;

(b) the reasons for those accidents and what were the reasons for accidents which tool place in earlier years;

(c) why the Kashi-Viswanath Express had made an unscheduled stop near Hardoi on the night of January 5, 1998;

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(d) why Government are neglecting to install automatic signalling system throughout the country; and

(e) whether this demand has been raised by the MPs for year together?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The number of consequential train accidents during the last three years are as follow:—

1995-96 - 398
1996-97 - 381
1997-98 - 396

The train accidents mainly occur on account of human failure, equipment failure, sabotage, combination of factors and incidental causes including acts of nature.

(c) The Kashi-Viswanath Express had made an unscheduled stop near Hardoi due to a 'Neelgai' being run over in the block section Karna-Masit. This caused drop in air pressure and automatic application of brakes.

(d) Automatic Singalling is a means to enhance line capacity. It has been provided on 2801 Track Kilometres on Indian Railways and is being progressively provided based on Techno-economical considerations.

(e) No such demand is on records.

Inadequate Fire Handling Equipments in Trains

1192. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Railways illequipped to tackle fires" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 10th May, 1998;

(b) if so, whether the trains are not equipped with fire fighting devices in case of any fire in running trains;

(c) whether Government have formulated scheme to provide fire safety equipments in trains; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Fire extinguisher are provided in the trains as per the following scale:—

(i) Loco, electrical or diesel : 4 Nos. of Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher of 5 Kg. Capacity each.

(ii) Guards brake and under Guard Brake-2 Nos. of Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher of 5 Kg. capacity each.

(iii) AC Coaches—4 Nos. of Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher of 5 Kg. capacity each.

(iv) Pantry Cars—4 Nos. of Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher of 5 Kg. capacity each.

(v) Generator Vans—4 Nos. of Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher of 5 Kg capacity each.

(vi) Electrical Multiple Unit—Motorman and Guard-2 Nos. each of Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher of 5 Kg. capacity each.

Fire Inspectors of Railway Protection Force conduct periodical checks on all passenger-carrying trains to ensure the availability of fire extinguishers. Shortcomings are brought to the notice of the safety officers to provide the extinguishers as per scale.

Training to handle the fire extinguishers is imparted to all Drivers, Assistant Drivers, Guards, Assistant Guards, Station Master and other staff involved in train operation at the Zonal Training schools, Diesel Training Schools, Electrical Loco Training Schools and at important stations, where there is a concentration of running staff. Such training is imparted at all the safety camps too.